

\$115,139.00 FOR GOOD ROADS

State Draws Good Slice of Federal Fund.

Oklahoma City.—Oklahoma will receive \$115,139 this year from the \$5,000,000 federal government good roads fund, according to the department of agriculture's plan of apportionment announcement of which was received officially from Washington. The money will be available for good roads construction and improvement work during the present fiscal year.

It will be at least five months before plans for spending the money will be worked out, according to M. L. Cunningham, state highway engineer.

According to the terms of the act which made the appropriation, the money was apportioned by the secretary of agriculture to the several states according to population and mileage of rural delivery routes.

All work will be done by the state department subject to supervision of the federal good roads experts in the department of agriculture. All plans must be approved by the federal department. It is the opinion of Engineer Cunningham that the first work will be construction of two roads across the state, one running east and west and the other north and south.

GREER COUNTY HAS A MYSTERY

Body of Farmer Found On Porch; Head Crushed With Axe.

Sapulpa.—At daylight last Saturday the body of John Harris was found lying on the porch of his farm home, four miles from Sapulpa. His head had been crushed with an axe, which was found covered with blood a short distance from the body.

Fletcher Jackson, a negro farm hand, who had slept in the Harris home during the night, said that he found the body when he arose to go about his work. A coroner's inquest failed to develop any clue tending to establish the identity of the murderer.

Harris came to Greer county from Texas and is alleged to have always slept with a loaded revolver close at hand. He had been heard to speak of enemies he had in Texas.

TWO PRINT SHOPS ARE BURNED

Star and Democrat Offices Destroyed at Mangum; Other Losses.

Mangum.—Fire which originated in the Happy Hour theater destroyed the theater, the Mangum Star office, the Greer County Democrat and cotton offices occupied by F. A. Sherman and S. A. Heatley. Work on the part of the firemen saved adjoining buildings. Total loss is estimated at \$20,000, of which the insurance will pay \$15,000 and another for \$500.

Magnolia Files Corsicana Deed.

Ardmore.—A deed transferring to the Magnolia Petroleum Company all the property owned by the Corsicana Company in Carter county has just been recorded here. The deed recites that the purchase price was \$5,750,000, and the instrument evidently completes a transaction that had its beginning several months ago when the Magnolia Company succeeded to the business of the Corsicana Petroleum Company and that the Magnolia-Pipe Line Company. One of the revenue stamps on the deed is for \$1,000 and another for \$500.

Will Try Sheep Raising.

Braman.—Aaron Bierbower, one of the prominent farmers of this section has just received a large shipment of sheep and will place them on his ranch southwest of Braman, his intention being to fatten the sheep from a number of forage crops and waste material around the ranch. This is Bierbower's first experiment in this class of stock and he is the pioneer in this section with sheep. If these prove a success a number of other farmers in Kay county will next season import a large number of sheep.

Fatal Day For Negroes.

Tulsa.—One negro is dead and two others are seriously injured as a result of a riot in and around Tulsa last Sunday. Ed Neeley, negro deacon in a church here, shot Walter McGee after an argument which arose over the taking of the church collection. George Ryan, negro, was found dead at Jenks with a bullet in his brain. Tom Hoffer, another negro, was stabbed in a fight with knives at Mohawk.

Suicide Prevents Trial.

Covington.—Ike Creigler, 45 years old, former county clerk of Noble county, committed suicide here by shooting himself through the head with a .45 caliber revolver. About two weeks ago Creigler was indicted with having misapplied public funds while county clerk of Noble county. Last Saturday Creigler was arrested on a bench warrant, haled into district court at Perry, and released on an appearance bond.

Hugo Boy Stabs Another.

Hugo.—Nearly the entire town attended the funeral services of Gus Chandler, 20 years old, who was stabbed to death by Hoyt Erwin, 44 years old. The people of the town express sympathy for the families of both boys. Erwin has been released on a small bond. He is a paper carrier. Chandler attempted to take a paper from him and in the fight which followed Chandler was out over the head with a small pocket knife in the hands of Erwin.

Entertainment at the Fairs

A big fair without entertainment is like fruit without flavor, a picnic without smiles, a dance without music. It would be a real disappointment. People expect it. They expect to see classy circus acts and hear classy music. They attend the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson, Sept. 15 to 23, not only for its educational benefits, but for the enjoyment of the entertainment features and social pleasures also. Everybody, young and old, enjoy a thrill, whether it is caused by the racing horses, the dare devils driving automobiles at terrific speed, trained acrobats, comic or melodious songs, the beautiful strains of grand opera singers or the music of concert and military bands. Capable men who know the field of entertain-



ment and what it presents, spend their time putting together propositions to submit to fair managements for entertainment, because it is come to be recognized as one of the strong features of the fair.

It is entirely natural that people should expect to find high-class entertainment at a big fair because they have spent a year in hard work on the farm, in the shop or business rooms, and they are out for pleasure, recreation and relaxation as well as to learn. The people of the United States are more strenuous than the people of any other country. We are called the "dollar crazed" nation. Any other country has more holidays, more recreational plays and hours of time than this country. Work is the law of life and it is right and proper for everyone to do his share. It is also proper to be frugal, as well as industrious. But, viewing the situation naturally, it is observed that we were becoming not only dollar crazed, but sordid. It is not a proper condition for the permanent welfare of the people and the perpetuity of a democratic form of government. Consequently after much consideration of the subject, various committees and commissions were set to work to ascertain as a result of their investigations, causes for the existence of such damaging conditions and to make suggestions as to how it might be remedied. Various sociological writers have studied the situation and written wisely about it. As a matter of fact the general consensus of opinion is that rural life has become over-serious and over-sordid. That it must be led to perceive that life and love and happiness, not wealth, is the object of living; that the isolation of the farm home must be broken by the establishment of places where people can meet together frequently during the freer months for pleasure, recreation and the public good; that half-holidays must be instituted; that labor becomes more efficient by not exacting the last ounce of energy from the laborer; that a democratic form of government cannot be perpetuated where the men and women work during all the hours of day and into the darkness and then, exhausted, throw themselves upon their couch for a night's rest with nothing in prospect for the morrow except another round of ceaseless toil. It is to get away from all these sights and scenes of labor and strife for money making and money getting that people live and look forward with anticipated pleasure to the week of the fair. There is a certain relaxation in the very thought of getting ready to go to the fair. There is complete change in the trip itself, and when once on the grounds all is changed and each has lifted himself or herself out of the common humdrum and takes on the pleasure and enjoyments, social and otherwise, of a day at the fair. This is true with respect to all ages. The young and the old each find his enjoyment. Attend the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Sept. 15-23, and join in its festivities as well as its educational advantages and do it annually. Get the habit. It not only promotes happiness in the home and for efficiency in the work but good citizenship also.

NEW HOMESTEAD LAW

The act of July 3, 1916, provides that any person who has made final proof on a homestead entry of less than 320 acres in any of the states to which the enlarged homestead law applies, may make an additional entry of sufficient land in any of said states, not contiguous to his original entry, to make up 320 acres.

The land embraced in the additional entry must be cultivated in accordance with the three-year homestead law, but, if within 20 miles of the original entry, residence need not be maintained on the additional if the entryman owns and resides on his original entry when he makes the additional and continues such ownership and residence until proof is made on the additional. If the additional entry is more than 20 miles from the original or if the entryman does not own and reside on the original entry, residence must be maintained on the additional entry.

The benefits of this act may be claimed by a person who has perfected more than one homestead entry, but the aggregate area of the land thus acquired, with that applied for, is limited to 320 acres.

No person who has made an additional entry under the enlarged homestead law can make such entry if he has not made final proof on his original entry.

No person can make an additional entry if the tract applied for, together with all other lands he has entered and acquired title to under any of the non-mineral public land laws (homestead, timber-culture, desert land, timber and stone, etc.), or which he is claiming thereunder, make an aggregate of more than 480 acres.

Before an entry under this law can be allowed the land embraced in both the original and the additional entries must be designated by the secretary of the interior as subject to entry under the enlarged homestead law as non-irrigable. The term "non-irrigable" land is construed to mean land which, as a rule, lacks sufficient rainfall to produce crops without resorting to unusual methods of cultivation, such as "dry farming," and for which there is no known source of water supply from which such land may be successfully irrigated at a reasonable cost. If the lands have not been so designated, the applicant for an additional entry must file a petition for their designation.

The states in which the enlarged homestead law applies are Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR KANSAS ROADS

W. S. Gearhart, state highway engineer, will notify county boards of Kansas that \$143,207.40 of government money will be available for state highway improvement in the year ending June 30, 1917, so they may make arrangements for their respective levies at their August meeting. This money is Kansas's apportionment of the \$5,000,000 set aside by act of congress for aid in the construction of rural post roads.

"I see no reason why we should not go right ahead with arrangements that will permit the various counties or benefit districts to take advantage of the congressional appropriation," commented Governor Capper in a letter received by Mr. Gearhart. "I take it that this is a case of 'first come first served.'"

Governor Capper has officially notified Secretary Houston that the state of Kansas assents to the terms of the act.

Mr. Gearhart will attend a meeting of highway engineers of the country in Washington, D. C., August 16, at which time rules for the appropriation of the funds will be considered.

In order to avail itself of the benefits of the post roads act it is necessary for the state highway department to submit to the secretary of agriculture project statements setting forth proposed construction of roads, and later upon their approval to furnish surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates. The act provides that the post roads shall be maintained by the state or its civil subdivisions.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, \$10,000,000 will be apportioned among the states according to the act; \$15,000,000 will be available in 1919, \$20,000,000 in 1920, and \$25,000,000 in 1921.

OUT OF APPARENT EVIL

Out of apparent evil, as well as out of good, life constantly advances. The horror of this world war need not affect our faith in the purposes of God working out good out of apparent evil; or, if one will, our faith in the triumphant vitality of Nature and of man. There is no reason why we should not still hold fast to God, or to the eternal life-giving and restoring power, being assured that not merely physical renewal, but some spiritual regeneration shall emerge from this cataclysm. Spectic Monthly.

WAR IN EUROPE.
SUBMARINE MASSACRES.
GERMAN CONSPIRACIES IN THE U.S.
REVOLUTION IN MEXICO.
BANDIT RAIDS ON THE BORDER.
HUERTA DEAD WITH GERMAN MONEY IN HIS POCKETS.



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officially we may still believe that the elements of culture which are not dead, but living, will renew themselves. Enough has occurred already to raise such hope to a conviction, that the suffering, fighting lands shall be benefited and renewed, each according to its need. Perhaps, in them, war will purge patriotism of its grosser parts. The danger is rather for prosperous neutral countries, lest they gain nothing where they have made no sacrifice. Yet the war may purge some of their citizens of small selfishness and help a few to the knowledge which is understanding, which is sympathy, which is love.—Henry Osborn Taylor in the Atlantic

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the District Court of Seward County, Kansas. In the matter of the petition for changing names of Glenn Lyberger and Hattie Ann Lyberger, husband and wife, to Glenn Pennington and Hattie Ann Pennington.

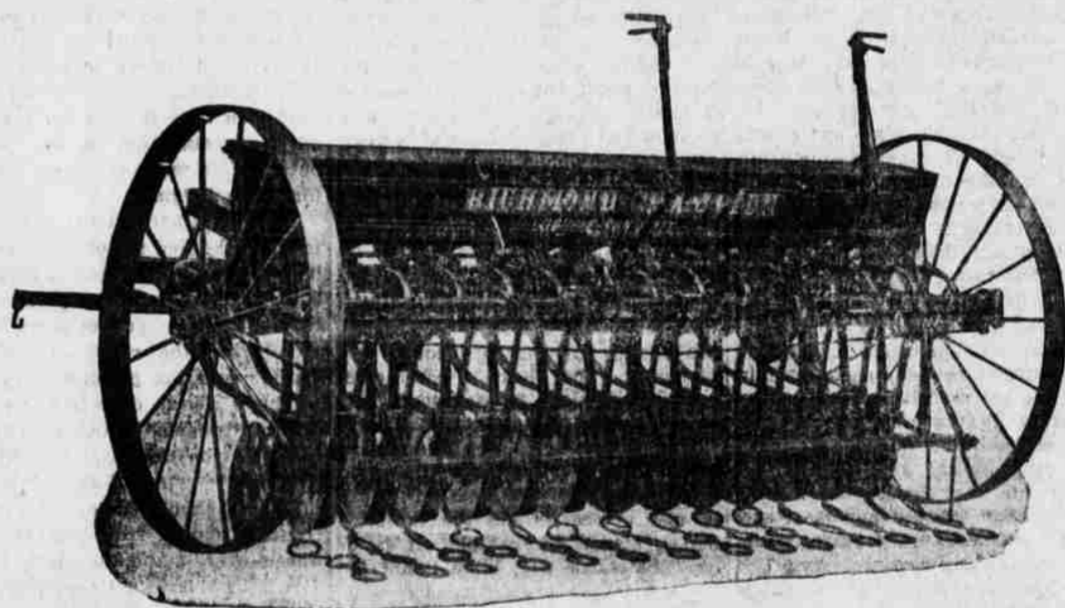
The State of Kansas, to all whom it may concern, and all persons interested in said matter:

You are hereby notified that Glenn Lyberger (by his next friend, E. W. Pennington) and Hattie Ann Lyberger, wife of Glenn Lyberger, have filed their petition in the District Court of Seward County, Kansas, asking that the names of Glenn Lyberger and Hattie Ann Lyberger be changed to Glenn Pennington and

Hattie Ann Pennington and their rights of action and property interests be not affected by such change. That unless you answer said petition on or before the 11th day of September, 1916, the same will be taken as true and the application made to the District Court of said County and State will be heard at the next term of said Court following such answer day, or at such time thereafter as the same may be heard by said court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said court, this 5th day of August, 1916, at my office in Liberal, Seward County, Kansas.

(Seal) G. L. LIGHT,
Clerk of the District Court.
J. W. CAMPBELL,
Attorney for Petitioners.

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